



Annex A: SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION FORM

PROPOSED TOPIC: To find out what the effect would be on the York economy for businesses to accept Euros as well as pounds sterling. To discover whether this practice could be beneficial and if so whether the Council could take measures to encourage the acceptance of Euros as well as pounds sterling.

COUNCILLOR (S) REGISTERING THE TOPIC: Councillor James Alexander

SECTION 1: ABOUT THE TOPIC

Please complete this section as thoroughly as you can. The information provided will help Scrutiny Officers and Scrutiny Members to assess the following key elements to the success of any scrutiny review:

How a review should best be undertaken given the subject

Who needs to be involved

What should be looked at

By when it should be achieved; and

Why we are doing it?

Please describe how the proposed topic fits with 3 of the eligibility criteria attached.

As a general rule, topics will only proceed to review if they meet 3 of the criteria below. However, where it is adequately demonstrated that a topic is of significant public interest and fits with the first criteria but does not meet 3, Scrutiny Management Committee may still decide to allocate the topic for review. Please indicate which 3 criteria the review would meet and the relevant scrutiny roles:

	✓	Policy Development & Review	Service Improvement & Delivery	Accountability of Executive Decisions
Public Interest (ie. in terms of both proposals being in the public interest and resident perceptions)	✓	✓		
Under Performance / Service Dissatisfaction				
In keeping with corporate priorities	✓	✓		
Level of Risk				
Service Efficiency				
National/local/regional significance e.g. A central government priority area, concerns joint working arrangements at a local 'York' or wider regional context	✓	✓	✓	

Set out briefly the purpose of any scrutiny review of your proposed topic. What do you think it should achieve?

If you have not already done so above, please indicate in response to this, how any review would be in the public or Council's interest e.g. reviewing recycling options in the city would reduce the cost to the Council for landfill

To find out what the affect would be on the York economy for businesses to accept Euros as well as pounds sterling and to determine if this would be beneficial or detrimental to the York economy. If the appropriate Scrutiny Committee found that this practice would be beneficial, the Committee should then determine if and how the Council could promote this practice.

Please explain briefly what you think any scrutiny review of your proposed topic should cover.

This information will be used to help prepare a remit for the review should Scrutiny Management Committee decide the topic meets the criteria e.g. How much recycling is presently being done and ways of increasing it

- Existing businesses that do this
- The evidence of whether this is beneficial to these existing businesses
- Other towns around the country who have adopted this practice and the effect on their local economy
- If the practice is deemed beneficial, what powers the Council has over persuading traders

Please indicate which other Councils, partners or external services could, in your opinion, participate in the review, saying why.

Involving the right people throughout the process is crucial to any successful review e.g. CYC Commercial Services / other local councils who have reviewed best practice for recycling / other organisations who use recycled goods

- Local Chamber of Commerce to give their view of local traders and businesses
- Other towns who have adopted this practice to see if this practice has been beneficial to their local economies
- Councils of areas where this has been adopted to see how the Council helped to promote this
- Local businesses that have adopted this practice to see if this has been beneficial for their business.

Explain briefly how, in your opinion, such a review might be most efficiently undertaken?

This is not about who might be involved (addressed above) but how the review might be conducted e.g. sending a questionnaire to each household to gather information on current recycling practices and gathering information on how recycling is carried out in Cities similar to York

- A presentation on the issue
- Evidence received from local businesses who adopt the practice
- Evidence from another Council that oversees a town that has adopted the practice (this should focus on the effect on the local economy and powers of that Council to persuade traders to adopt.)

Estimate the timescale for completion.

Please circle below the nearest timescale group, in your estimation, based on the information you have given in this form.

- (a) 1-3 months; ✓**
- (b) 3-6 months; or
- (c) 6-9 months

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE SUBMISSION OF THIS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.